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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE*FBIS is engaged in monitoring foreign public media worldwide*

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The special pressures that FBIS foreign nationals are under in working for a CIA-affiliated organization were dramatically illustrated this past week when an FBIS monitor [] was pulled from his car at a supermarket and knifed by persons apparently connected with a Shi'ite group known as the "Islamic Unity Movement." The local security service had warned [] the FBIS employee, [] [] had been identified at a IUM meeting as working for the "den of the enemies." [] was warned by the FBIS bureau chief to be circumspect in his contacts with locals and maintain a low profile. Although he was not seriously injured, the incident had a significant psychological impact on the employee and his family. At his request, he has now been returned to [] his point of hire, and is receiving appropriate severance pay. [] colleague, also a Farsi monitor, has indicated he also plans to resign [] FBIS still has ample Persian-language capability, but the complications of operating in the Gulf area at this time, and the special implications of foreign nationals working for FBIS, are amply demonstrated by the incident.

Language Officer Recruiting

Recruitment of skilled foreign-language documents officers for employment at FBIS Headquarters continues to be a severe problem in several high-priority areas. []

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FBIS is continuing to work with O/S and OMS as well as the Office of Personnel to attempt to streamline the vetting procedures and to do a better job of finding language-qualified officers that meet the Agency's strict Staff personnel requirements.

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Communication Support to U.S. Ambassador, Lebanon

15 June, 1130 hours, OTS received a priority telephone request from the Department of State's Office of Communications asking for the loan of [] secure voice transceivers and associated crypto to support the U.S. Ambassador and his staff in Lebanon. Based on this request, the equipment was configured, tested and delivered 16 June, 0800 hours, to the Department for transport to Lebanon. The Department expressed appreciation for the timely OTS support.

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